

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Charles P. Rettig
Commissioner
U.S. Internal Revenue Service
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We are writing to request that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) immediately extend critical relief measures to those affected by ongoing wildfires in California.

As you know, the LNU Complex Fire has burned nearly 350,000 acres and remains only 21 percent contained. This and other fires across the state prompted the President, on August 22, to formally declare a state of disaster for Lake, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma and Yuba Counties.

Following Presidential disaster declarations in 2017, 2018, and 2019, the IRS extended temporary relief to taxpayers – both residential and commercial – affected by the disasters in question. Among other assistance, this relief has included an extension of filing deadlines; a waiver of filing, payment, or deposit fees; and expedited service for affected taxpayers seeking documents, such as previous years' returns.

We respectfully request that the IRS quickly extend similar measures to those affected by fires in 2020. Our constituents have grappled with an unprecedented pandemic for over six months; many are now facing one of the largest wildfires in American history. It is critical that federal agencies, including the IRS, quickly provide appropriate relief.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to call should you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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